

THE MILTON HOUSE
MILTON, WISCONSIN

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"MILTON HOUSE" (An old Inn)
Milton, Rock County, Wisconsin

Joseph Goodrich Estate (Owner)

Erected - 1844

Architect - Unknown

Builder - James Pierce

The building is not habitable anymore. It is almost a derelict. It sits on its original foundation.

This foundation is of field stone and the exterior walls are constructed of concrete and brick.

The building in portion is two and three stories in height.

This structure was the center of all social activity in the city of Milton at one time. It catered to the very stage-coach lines which entered the city in those early days. In later days because of its strategic situation to the railroad depot, it was the mecca of many a traveler.

Of all the early day hostelries of Wisconsin, from the stand point of appearance, this one was probably the most unique of any. Its octagonal pavilion at the corner and the long appendage to oneside was indeed a novel creation in the building line and to this day, it elicits much comment.

It is of further interest to note that a portion of the exterior walls of this structure was constructed of a crude type of concrete. Cement was not generally known in those days and in its place, lime was used. Mixed with this for the construction of these walls, were stones, ranging in size from goose egg, to a large size nigger head. Whether or not wooden forms

were used, is not known. After all these years, the concrete is in a rather crumbling condition.

The above information was gathered at the building site and from older members of the family who are still residing in Milton.

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